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Sent: Monday, November 19, 2007 5:56 PM
To: Darton, Terry
Subject: Mirant Power Plant
To Whom it May Concern:

We write as concerned and affected residents of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, with regard to the proposed emission permit renewal for the Mirant coal-fired power plant.

We request that the detrimental effect of the emissions from the Mirant plant be considered prior to the licensing of further activity there.

Our house is situated exactly five blocks due South of the plant. It is the case that on a daily basis there forms on all outside window ledges and surfaces a layer of black soot, easily identified as coal dust. This soot collects not only on inanimate objects, but also all vegetation. On any given day, the stench in the air caused by the burning of the coal is such that if the wind is out of the north, it is impossible to open any windows in our house. Doing so causes a noticeable, awful odor of burnt coal, and the settling of black dust on all interior surfaces.

It is irresponsible to allow this plant to continue it's current emissions output, especially in light of current technological capabilities with regard to scrubbing, etc. This plant's operations foul the surrounding environment. The Department of Environmental Quality and the Air Pollution Control Board have a responsibility to protect this environment and the citizens of Alexandria - and that responsibility outweighs the commercial concerns cited by Mirant and its parent company with regard to the negative financial impact they would experience by upgrading the facilities with the most modern and effective equipment possible. We therefore request the imposition of the strictest emission limits standards and the further imposition of a strengthened monitoring program to ensure adherence to those standards.

Sincerely,
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